

Healthcare Sector Diagnostics Division

Siemens Introduces New Capabilities to Improve the Efficiency of Clinical Laboratories

Expanded laboratory offerings help labs streamline workflow

Deerfield, Ill., July 21, 2009 — Siemens Healthcare has introduced three new clinical laboratory automation solutions that eliminate manual processes laboratory personnel perform in producing diagnostic test results for patient care. By automating certain steps of the process, laboratories can improve the efficiency and quality of their operations, and reduce the time to produce diagnostic test results.

Siemens introduced the capability for the ADVIA Centaur[®] XP Immunoassay System to connect to the VersaCell[™] System, a compact automation system offering advanced sample management and sorting capabilities, allowing clinical laboratory customers to maximize the number of tests run on one workcell and improve the efficiency of their operations. With the VersaCell system, customers with higher test volumes can now access one of the broadest menus of routine and specialty immunoassays by connecting the ADVIA Centaur XP Immunoassay System to the IMMULITE[®] Immunoassay Systems. Additionally, mid-to-high volume customers can now connect the ADVIA Centaur XP Immunoassay System to the ADVIA[®] 1800 Chemistry System, gaining efficiency through access to a broader menu of immunochemistry and chemistry tests.

“We continue building new capabilities into our unique automation offerings, expanding the diversity of options available to help customers in each test volume segment enhance the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of their laboratory operations,” said David Hickey, executive vice president, Central Laboratory and Global Research & Development, Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics.

Siemens also introduced the ADVIA[®] Decapper for the LabCell[®] and WorkCell[®] Automation Systems, which automates removal of test tube caps, reducing manual labor associated with processing patient samples. Additionally, Siemens has received FDA Clearance to connect between the ADVIA Centaur XP Immunoassay System and the StreamLAB[®] Analytical Workcell,

creating efficiencies for customers by connecting a high-speed immunoassay system to a scalable, open-architecture automation system.

The **Siemens Healthcare Sector** is one of the world's largest suppliers to the healthcare industry. The company is a renowned medical solutions provider with core competence and innovative strength in diagnostic and therapeutic technologies as well as in knowledge engineering, including information technology and system integration. With its laboratory diagnostics acquisitions, Siemens Healthcare is the first integrated healthcare company, bringing together imaging and lab diagnostics, therapy, and healthcare information technology solutions, supplemented by consulting and support services. Siemens Healthcare delivers solutions across the entire continuum of care – from prevention and early detection, to diagnosis, therapy and care. Additionally, Siemens Healthcare is the global market leader in innovative hearing instruments. The company employs around 49,000 people worldwide and operates in 130 countries. In the fiscal year 2008 (Sept. 30), Siemens Healthcare reported sales of €11.2 billion, orders of €11.8 billion, and Sector profit of €1.2 billion. Further information can be found by visiting <http://www.siemens.com/healthcare>.